

**MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING**

June 27, 2012
Sheraton Downtown
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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| * Mayor Hugh Hallman, Tempe, Chair | Mayor Yolanda Solarez, Guadalupe |
| Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers, Avondale, Vice Chair | Mayor Thomas Schoaf, Litchfield Park |
| Councilwoman Robin Barker, Apache Junction | * Supervisor Max W. Wilson, Maricopa Co. |
| * Mayor Jackie Meck, Buckeye | Mayor Scott Smith, Mesa |
| * Mayor David Schwan, Carefree | * Mayor Scott LeMarr, Paradise Valley |
| Councilman Dick Esser, Cave Creek | * Mayor Bob Barrett, Peoria |
| Councilman Rick Heumann for Mayor Jay Tibshraeny, Chandler | Mayor Greg Stanton, Phoenix |
| Mayor Lana Mook, El Mirage | Mayor Gail Barney, Queen Creek |
| * President Clinton Pattea, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation | * President Diane Enos, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community |
| Mayor Linda Kavanagh, Fountain Hills | Mayor W. J. "Jim" Lane, Scottsdale |
| * Mayor Ron Henry, Gila Bend | Mayor Sharon Wolcott, Surprise |
| * Governor Gregory Mendoza, Gila River Indian Community | * Mayor Adolfo Gamez, Tolleson |
| Mayor John Lewis, Gilbert | Councilman Rui Pereira, Wickenburg |
| Mayor Elaine Scruggs, Glendale | Mayor Michael LeVault, Youngtown |
| Mayor Georgia Lord, Goodyear | Victor Flores, State Transportation Board |
| | * Joseph La Rue, State Transportation Board |
| | * Roc Arnett, Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee |

* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

Attended by telephone conference call.

+ Attended by videoconference

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting of the MAG Regional Council was called to order by Vice Chair Marie Lopez Rogers at 5:05 p.m.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Vice Chair Rogers introduced a new member to the Regional Council, Mayor Linda Kavanagh from the Town of Fountain Hills. She presented Mayor Kavanagh with her Regional Council membership certificate.

Vice Chair Rogers noted that Councilman Rick Heumann was attending the meeting as proxy for Mayor Jay Tibshraeny.

Vice Chair Rogers stated that the Desert Peaks reception and awards will take place following the Regional Council meeting.

Vice Chair Rogers requested that members of the public who would like to comment fill out a blue public comment card for the Call to the Audience agenda item or a yellow public comment card for Consent Agenda items, or items on the agenda for action. Transit tickets for those who used transit to attend the meeting and parking validation were available from staff.

3. Call to the Audience

Vice Chair Rogers noted that the Call to the Audience provides an opportunity to members of the audience who wish to speak on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Citizens are requested to not exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes is provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Regional Council requests an exception to this limit. Those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard.

Vice Chair Rogers recognized public comment from Dianne Barker, a resident of Phoenix. Ms. Barker stated that she had spoken to Phoenix Transit staff about its public transit financial management report, which includes an analysis of bus and light rail forecasting and modeling. She said that things in Transit 2000 have changed since the ballot, including a higher operating cost for light rail. Ms. Barker also noted that receipts are also down, and she added that the public had not been asked for enough money for the project. She requested that MAG get the report from Phoenix Transit, agendaize it for discussion and adoption with policy directives to add stability to the program. Vice Chair Rogers thanked Ms. Barker for her comments.

4. Executive Director's Report

It was indicated that the Executive Director would forego his report.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Vice Chair Rogers noted that agenda items #5A, #5B, and #5C were on the Consent Agenda. She noted that no public comment cards had been received. Vice Chair Rogers asked members if they had questions or requests to hear an item individually. None were noted.

Councilman Esser moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Mayor Lane seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

5A. Approval of the May 23, 2012, Meeting Minutes

The MAG Regional Council, by consent, approved the May 23, 2012, meeting minutes.

5B. Project Changes - Amendment and Administrative Modification to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The MAG Regional Council, by consent, approved amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, Arterial Life Cycle Program, and as appropriate, to the Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update. The Fiscal Year 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) 2010 Update were approved by the MAG Regional Council on July 28, 2010, and have been modified fifteen times with the last modification approved on May 23, 2012. With the close of the State Fiscal Year approaching, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and member agencies have requested project changes that include: cost changes and additions for new Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), Safe Routes to School, and Transportation Enhancements awards. Fiscal balance is maintained for the project change requests in Table A. Project changes to the Fiscal Year 2012 Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) include revised project costs that reflect HSIP funds awarded by ADOT. Two agencies requested to defer federal funds from the current Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) to a later year in the program. To maximize, the amount of federal funds obligated in the current FFY reimbursements programmed for Northern Parkway were advanced to the FFY 2012. Fiscal balance is maintained for the requests listed in Tables B and C. Table A lists all Non Arterial Life Cycle Program project change requests. Tables B and C list Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) project change requests. All of the projects to be amended may be categorized as exempt from conformity determinations and an administrative modification does not require a conformity determination.

5C. Conformity Consultation

The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment and administrative modification to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The amendment and administrative modification involve several projects, including Arizona Department of Transportation, Chandler, Maricopa County, and Peoria projects. The amendment includes projects that may be categorized as exempt from conformity determinations. The administrative modification includes minor project revisions that do not require a conformity determination. Comments were requested by June 22, 2012. This item was on the agenda for consultation.

6. Municipal Aging Services Project Toolkit

Amy St. Peter, MAG staff, reported on the toolkit that had been developed through the MAG Municipal Aging Services Project. She explained that the toolkit had been developed with the support of the

community and MAG's partners and was being offered action. Ms. St. Peter expressed gratitude to the many stakeholders and supporters of this work, especially the Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust for providing the financial assistance that made this project possible.

Ms. St. Peter noted that by 2020, the number of older adults will increase to 700,000 people and the current system of care is not equipped to meet this increase in demand. Ms. St. Peter stated that people's preferences and priorities are changing. For example, they want to continue working longer, to have more control over how they spend the rest of their lives, and to age in place instead of going into institutionalized care. Ms. St. Peter stated that nearly half of the older adults living in this region expressed in a survey that they are concerned about not being able to remain in their own homes.

Ms. St. Peter stated that a 2010 study shows that people are living longer, and the average 65-year-old person can expect to live another 20 years. The same study reports 70 percent of people aged 65 years and older will need long term care at some point and 30 percent will need to enter a nursing home. Ms. St. Peter noted that the average cost of being in a nursing home is nearly \$79,000 a year and she added that this cost increased by 14 percent in the last two years and by 47 percent in the last eight years.

Ms. St. Peter stated that more than 1,300 people participated in the process to develop the Municipal Aging Services Project Toolkit, through 135 interviews, 19 focus groups, and 1,025 surveys. Ms. St. Peter stated that the Municipal Aging Services Project Toolkit provides specific actions and contacts for the support of people aging in place, promoting transportation options, increasing social participation, increasing organizational capacity, and utilizing technology that can be utilized by entities wanting to create or enhance services for people aged 65 years and older.

Ms. St. Peter noted that the MAG region was one of five regions in the nation to be chosen by the MetLife Foundation to participate in the City Leaders Institute on Aging in Place, and three of the five sites were launched in Phoenix last month. The other two teams present were from San Diego and Miami. Ms. St. Peter stated that Mayor Stanton spoke at the launch event, and she expressed appreciation to him for his leadership and support. Ms. St. Peter expressed appreciation to the City of Scottsdale for serving on the team, and said that their nationally recognized efforts are examples they hope to replicate throughout the region. She also thanked the City of Phoenix and Sun Health for their assistance by sharing their interns. Ms. St. Peter stated that an action plan to improve people's ability to age in place by keeping them socially connected with their communities was prepared at the event.

Ms. St. Peter stated that over the summer, the team will be researching the best models in the country, learning what made them successful, and identifying their relevance to this region. She noted that this research will be evidence-based and evaluated. Ms. St. Peter said that the toolkit was recommended for approval by the MAG Management Committee, Human Services Coordinating Committee, and the Human Services Technical Committee.

Vice Chair Rogers expressed appreciation to the Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust for the grant, which provides the means for this work that is critical to all of us. She said that the toolkit will be helpful in the work of communities and council members.

Mayor Wolcott moved approval of the MAG Municipal Aging Services Project Toolkit. Councilman Pereira seconded. With no requests for public comment, the vote on motion passed unanimously.

7. Legislative Update

Nathan Pryor, MAG staff, provided an update on legislative issues of interest. He reported that the ninth extension of the federal surface transportation authorization is set to lapse on at midnight on June 30, 2012. Mr. Pryor noted that a House-Senate conference committee has been working since April to produce a compromise bill agreeable to both the House and Senate.

Mr. Pryor stated that the status of the bill has been changing hour by hour in recent days. He said that this afternoon, Senator Boxer, chair of the conference committee, and Representative Mica each distributed press releases stating that they expect a bill to extend the authorization through Federal Fiscal Year 2014 will be signed before Saturday's deadline.

Mr. Pryor stated that the bill is expected to include streamlining provisions to move projects more expeditiously through the federal process but details will be forthcoming. He said that staff has heard, but not confirmed, that I-11 might be dropped from the bill and that Nevada has been appealing to Rep. Mica to keep it in the bill. Mr. Pryor noted that staff also is monitoring any provisions that may impact major metropolitan regions.

Mr. Pryor stated that last month, the MAG Regional Council authorized Dennis Smith, the MAG Executive Director, to sign a letter to Senator Boxer supporting major metro provisions as the conference committee worked on the reauthorization bill. He noted that this letter was drafted by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and signed by MPO directors in Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, and San Francisco.

Mr. Pryor stated that a companion op-ed was developed and sent to the Washington Post and the Wall Street Journal. Both media outlets stated to SCAG that they did not intend to run the piece. He noted that SCAG sent the op-ed on June 25, 2012, to Politico. com, but has not yet heard back.

Vice Chair Rogers thanked Mr. Pryor for his report. No questions for Mr. Pryor were noted.

8. Appointment of Members and Officers for the Transportation Policy Committee

Mr. Smith stated that on May 10, 2012, Mayor Hugh Hallman, Chair of the MAG Regional Council, sent a memorandum to Regional Council members requesting letters of interest for the appointment of member agency representatives and officers on the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC). He noted that letters of interest were received and were listed on the table included in the agenda packet. Mr. Smith stated that the Regional Council was requested to appoint the member agency representatives of the TPC and the officer positions.

Letters of Interest Received. Officer Positions: Chair - Mayor W. J. "Jim" Lane, Scottsdale; Vice Chair - Mayor Jackie Meck, Buckeye. Central City - Mayor Greg Stanton. Seven Largest Cities: Mesa - Mayor

Scott Smith; Glendale - Mayor Elaine Scruggs; Scottsdale - Mayor W. J. "Jim" Lane; Chandler - Councilmember Jack Sellers; Gilbert - Councilmember Ben Cooper; Peoria - Mayor Bob Barrett; Tempe - Councilmember Shana Ellis. Five Cities/Towns Elected Officials (Three to achieve geographic balance, selected from and by the under represented geographic area): Avondale - Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers; Goodyear - Mayor Georgia Lord; Surprise - Mayor Sharon Wolcott. Two At-Large geographically balanced (selected by the Regional Council): Buckeye - Mayor Jackie Meck; Cave Creek - Councilmember Dick Esser. Maricopa County Supervisor: Supervisor Max W. Wilson. Native American Indian Community: Lt. Governor Stephen Roe Lewis - Gila River Indian Community. State Transportation Board: Joseph La Rue. Chair, Citizen's Transportation Oversight Committee: F. Rockne Arnett.

Vice Chair Rogers noted that no requests for public comment had been received. She asked members if there were any questions. Hearing none, she called for a motion. Mayor Schoaf moved to appoint the members and officers of the Transportation Policy Committee. Councilwoman Barker seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chair Rogers extended her congratulations to those appointed.

9. Election of Regional Council Officers and Executive Committee Members

Mayor Tom Schoaf expressed his pleasure in serving as Chair of the 2012 MAG Regional Council Nominating Committee. He expressed his appreciation to the other members of the Nominating Committee: Mayor Jay Tibshraeny, City of Chandler; Mayor Lana Mook, City of El Mirage; Mayor Jay Schlum, Town of Fountain Hills; and Supervisor Max W. Wilson, Maricopa County.

Mayor Schoaf stated that the Nominating Committee met on May 23, 2012, and recommended the positions of Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, and four At-Large Members for the coming year (2012-2013). The slate recommended by the Nominating Committee: Chair - Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers, City of Avondale; Vice Chair - Mayor Scott Smith, City of Mesa; Treasurer - Mayor Michael LeVault, Town of Youngtown; At-Large Members - Mayor W. J. "Jim" Lane, City of Scottsdale, Mayor Greg Stanton, City of Phoenix; Mayor Gail Barney, Town of Queen Creek; Mayor Thomas Schoaf, City of Litchfield Park.

Vice Chair Rogers thanked Mayor Schoaf and the Nominating Committee and asked members if they had questions. Councilman Pereira moved to elect the Regional Council officers: Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer, and four At-Large Members as members of the Executive Committee. Mayor Schoaf seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

10. Request for Future Agenda Items

Topics or issues of interest that the Regional Council would like to have considered for discussion at a future meeting were requested.

No requests were noted.

11. Comments from the Council

An opportunity was provided for Regional Council members to present a brief summary of current events. The Regional Council is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

Mayor Stanton stated that the Supreme Court decision on SB 1070 is keeping legal departments busy. He stated that the new Chief of Police for the City of Phoenix is very open to discussion and Mayor Stanton offered other jurisdictions the use of the Police Department training video. Mayor Stanton stated that the City of Phoenix does not have all the answers, but will assist other jurisdictions if they can help.

Vice Chair Rogers thanked Mayor Stanton for the offer of assistance.

Mayor Lane thanked Mayor Stanton for coming to the City of Scottsdale to discuss how the cities can work together on business development. Mayor Lane stated that they had a great conversation and a wonderful crowd attended the event.

Mayor Stanton stated that as the business cycles improves, there will be attempts by developers to divide and conquer. He stated that the City of Phoenix will not participate in these tactics.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilman Esser moved and Mayor Lane seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Chair

Secretary